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#### **GSA** Areawide Contract

Utility Energy Services Contracts (UESC)

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- A master contract between GSA and utility service supplier to cover utility service acquisitions of all Federal agencies in the franchised certified service territory from the particular utility service provider for a period not to exceed 10 years
- GSA only agency authorized to sign an Areawide Contract but agreement can be used by any Federal Agency

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- □ 63 Utility Areawide Contracts in place
- Contracting OfficerLindsey Lee (202) 401-0174
- 2 Guides Available on GSA Energy Center of Expertise website:
  - > Utility Areawide Guide
  - Procuring Energy Mgmt Services with the Utility Areawide Contract

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- Streamlined Process
- Utilities traditionally more willing to do smaller \$ value projects
- Existing Relationship with Utility
- □ Flexibility with M&V
- Guarantees not required (but may be negotiated with Utility)

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# 2002 Enabling Legislation

- □ EPACT (Public Law 102-486)
- □ 42 USC 8256
- □ Far Part 41
- Legal Opinions

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- Copy of Actual Areawide Contract
- Complete the Exhibit (Authorization Form) for service you would like to order
- Attach Energy Services Agreement (ESA)
- Send copy to GSA

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## 2002 Authorization Form

- Details utility service or project to be provided under the contract (ex. Project financing)
- Ordering Agency completes an Authorization Form for their project
- Signed by Contracting Officer from Ordering Agency and Contracting Utility
- Copy of signed authorization sent to GSA

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- Guides Ordering Agency and Utility through Energy Mgmt project
- Main Body contains requirements related to contracting process, payments, termination, special requirements, etc.
- □ For Financed Project -- include financial exhibits

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- GAO Report regarding use of Areawides
  - DC government financed non energy related work under GSA areawide contract
  - GSA oversight of contract inadequate
  - GSA training requires clarification

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- GSA Responded to GAO on March 1, 2002
- Included an Action Plan
  - Commits to elements being completed by Oct. 30, 2002

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### 2GSA Response to GAO (Cont'd)

- EPACT provided a statutory exception to CICA for DSM/EMS with utilities
- □ GSA's definition of DSM / EMS
- Require agencies to follow the required J&A process at 6.303 for using other than full and open competition
- Requested DOE FEMP to conduct utility study to determine certain rules and regulations and utility practices in the exercise of utility energy service contracts utilizing GSA's areawide contract

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- Report on Selected State DSM Rules and Regulations (9 States Selected)
- Recommendations to GSA concerning Making PUC DSM Rules and Regs accessible to Federal Agencies
- Status Report on Utilities' Certification that their DSM Services Offered are in Compliance

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- □ FEMP Study delivered to GSA June 30, 2002
- GSA Action Items to GAO October 15, 2002

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- Issue modification clarifying the language in AC regarding DSM services ordered by other agencies
- Developing Training/Workshop
- Provide clearer guidance to both agencies and utilities on the use of the areawide contract
- Require utility contractors to report contract activities

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- □ GSA has 12 UESCs in place
- □ FEMP website lists several case studies
- Check that Utility offers this service
  - > Some have more experience than others

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  - > www.gsa.gov/energy
- FUPWG (Federal Utility Partnership Working Group)
- DOE FEMP
  - > www.eren.doe.gov/femp
  - > Additional Technical Assistance
  - > Training

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